

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Derek Stephens.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Patty Smith, Jim Westendorf, Leonard Lewis, Laura Jones, Lee Van Lanen and Mayor Stephens; also present was John Hill, City Attorney, and Janis Cable, City Secretary.

4) **Discussion, consideration, and action to approve the consent items:**

**Meeting minutes of March 6, 2012; and Financial Statements and Permits for March 2012.**

Lee Van Lanen made a motion to approve the consent items; second by Leonard Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

5) **Presentation/Comments by Citizens**

None

6) **Recognition of Individuals by Mayor and Council**

Mayor Stephens thanked the fire department for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for the citizens.

7) **Business Items**

**A. Update from Mayor Stephens on CCAD meeting.**

Mayor Stephens shared highlights of the Appraisal District meeting he recently attended. Home values have decreased 33% nationally since the 2006 peak, but only 4% locally from last year. They believe we are about four years away from full recovery. Lowry Crossing had the lowest foreclosure rate in Collin County. The full report will be available at City Hall.

**B. Presentation on Economic Development Corporation. [Munson]**

Marta Munson reviewed a document she had prepared outlining the duties and responsibilities of an Economic Development Corporation. Since the EDC is not formed at this point and has no funds or responses to all challenges, the task force group identified a potential project (with low or no-cost) in response to the survey to improve the city image with small pocket parks.

**C. Discussion, consideration, and action to adopt Resolution 64 approving Certificate of Formation for the Lowry Crossing Economic Development Corporation.**

Jim Westendorf made a motion to adopt Resolution 64 approving Certificate of Formation for the Lowry Crossing Economic Development Corporation; second by Leonard Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Discussion, consideration, and action on next steps regarding amendments to the Fire Code.**

Laura Jones offered to review the amendments Collin County adopted to the fire code to ensure there are no conflicts with our present ordinance and make recommendation at the May meeting.

**E. Discussion, consideration, and action on open roads and road repairs.**

Jim Westendorf made a motion to authorize presentation to Collin County Commissioners requesting a bond for a total of \$787,492.58 with a 10-year payout, with a city prioritized work schedule, pending review and acceptance of an agreement; second by Lee Van Lanen. Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to rename County roads 401, 400, 403 and 984.**

Lee Van Lanen made a motion to approve renaming CR401 as Simpson Road, CR400 as Myrick Lane, and CR403 as Dowdy Road; second by Leonard Lewis. Motion passed unanimously. CR984 will be addressed next month after receiving citizen input on naming suggestions.

**G. Discussion, consideration and action to increase or maintain CPI rates for telecommunications Right-of Way access lines.**

Leonard Lewis made a motion to maintain the CPI rates for telecommunications Right-of Way access lines; second by Jim Westendorf. Motion passed unanimously.

**H. Discussion, consideration and action to approve Fire Department contract and/or payment.**

Mayor Stephens reviewed an update to Section 5 of the contract, Leonard Lewis still had concerns with the wording. Chief Heitman reviewed the budget line by line with the Council to provide information and justification on increases. Also, he will check with the FD on their willingness to contract with a lower amount.

Citizens that spoke in favor of contracting with the Fire Department: Marta Munson, Gary Cable, John Munson, Cindy Pullins, Pete Christian.

Current Councilmember position:

Van Lanen - Spend all money and then come to the City.

Jones - Threat to suspend services, FD owes apology to citizens. [Chief Heitman apologized].

Lewis - Would prefer to see FD leadership be citizens. Future financial requests to meet specific needs. [FD leadership is elected position by members many of are LC residents.]

Westendorf - Financials - \$300K question. Get budget in reasonable format.

Smith - Updated budget with revenue and expenses. Concern of overpaying. Threat to suspend service. Like to see leadership live in fire district.

Action: Send financial updates two weeks before Council meeting for review.

**8) Update by City Secretary regarding April 14th clean up, new seasonal business.**

Janis reported that April 14th is a community clean up day in conjunction with the Great American Clean-up and Keep Texas Beautiful from 8 to noon. There will be a summer business, Pink Penguin Sno Shack, will be opening at 380 and Bridgefarmer Road.

**9) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Approve and attest this 1st day of MAY, 2012.

  
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Janis Cable, City Secretary

  
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Derek Stephens, Mayor